The Dewan observed that he would have no objection to take up the discussion on the Miller Committee Report first, provided the majority of members were for it.

Mr. Abbas Khan suggested that the regular subjects might be taken up from 12 noon to 3 P.M. and the discussion on the Miller Committee Report might be taken up after 3-30 P.M. Most of the members were in favour of this suggestion and it was thereupon decided that the discussions on the Miller Committee Report might be taken up after 3-30 P.M.

GENERAL SUBJECTS.

FINANCIAL.

(*Nos. 1 to 8.*)

SUBJECT NO. 1.

Opening of Telegraph Offices in all taluk headquarters.

Mr. C. Venkataramaiya, Channarayapatna Taluk.

Mr. C. Venkataramaiya.—This subject has been discussed on many occasions and till now no action has been taken. When the Director-General of Posts and Telegraphs was addressed, he replied, that there were no materials for opening as many telegraph offices as were possible. People, especially merchants who live in taluk headquarters, are put to much inconvenience and loss for want of telegraph facilities. They are unable to know the current rates of food stuffs in other parts and are compelled to sell their food grains at a much cheaper rate than that prevailing elsewhere. In order that these distressing circumstances might be rectified, I would strongly urge the opening of Telegraph Offices in all taluk headquarters as early as convenient.

Dewan.—The Government fully realise the inconvenience felt by the people for want of telegraph facilities. There is a lack of telegraph materials just now and when they are available, such of the taluk headquarters as are absolutely in need of these facilities, will be given the first preference. A list of 12 taluks to which telegraphic connection should be given as early as practicable has been prepared and sent to the British Postal Department.

A few other speakers supported the proposition. Mr. Karnick Krishna Murthi Rao pointed out that Magadi was not included in the list referred to in the reply.

SUBJECT NO. 2.

Fixed allowance in lieu of Travelling Allowances.

Mr. Yellappa Setty, Tarikere Municipality.

Mr. Yellappa Setty.—A fixed allowance may be given to officers of Government in lieu of the present Travelling Allowances.

Dewan.—If a fixed allowance is given in lieu of Travelling Allowances, many of the officers will not have sufficient inducement to do much of touring work, thus

causing some inconvenience to the public and delay in the disposal of business.

Mr. Yellappa Setty.—The Government can fix the number of days that each officer should tour during the month and I think there will not be much dislocation of work by this arrangement.

Mr. Syed Khaja Peeran Sab.—Sub-Division Officers and Deputy Commissioners generally tour on separate occasions for tent inspection, revenue *darkhasts*, etc. I would suggest that they may be instructed to do all these works at the same time and not tour three or four times separately for each of these. By this arrangement, there will be some savings shown under Travelling Allowances.

Dewan.—The matter will be considered.

SUBJECT No. 3.

Privilege leave to schoolmasters on full pay.

Mr. H. Thimmappaiya, Manjarabad Taluk.

Mr. H. Thimmappaiya.—At present, schoolmasters are entitled to one month's privilege leave on half pay for every year owing to the holidays they get during summer and other occasions. My request is that they may be given 15 days on full pay every year. I have ascertained the wishes of many schoolmasters and I find that many are willing to forego their one month's privilege leave on half pay for 15 days on full pay. This arrangement will be applicable both to the teachers and the schoolmasters.

First Member of Council.—It will cause a lot of inconvenience.

Dewan.—It is not possible to get a substitute for such a short period, if this arrangement is brought into force.

Mr. Thimmappaiya.—We may not appoint substitutes at all for such short periods, as the existing teachers can very well look after other classes as well. This means economy.

Financial Secretary.—It is not possible to make any such arrangement as there is no guarantee that all the teachers are willing to take only 15 days' leave. There are sure to be a few who might require longer leave and in their cases no such concession could be granted. We should at the same time look to the convenience of the schoolmasters also by allowing them the enjoyment of longer leave which might be at their credit.

SUBJECT No. 4.

Revvial of transactions in Taluk Treasuries at District headquarters.

Messrs. G. Ramaswamiengar, Hassan Taluk and Mahomed Raza, Hassan Town Municipality.

Mr. G. Ramaswamiengar.—Considerable inconvenience is being felt on account of the withdrawal of some of the powers vested in the headquarter Taluk Treasuries. Such treasuries may be invested with the same powers as other Taluk Treasuries. People living in distant villages will have to come a long way and in some cases, they are unable to deposit the money in the treasury on the day of